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Frederic KLEIN et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1645
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For: Means for Detecting Bacteria of the	)	
Taylorella Equigenitalis Species and	)	
Their Biological Applications	)	

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed November 25, 2003 (Paper No. 33), Applicants request amendment of the instant application as follows.